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**Microsoft Office Live and Microsoft Office Accounting
team up with City of Miami to help students and entrepreneurs**
*Free software giveaway, free Web site training to take place at the Economic Business
Seminar as part of the ACCESS MIAMI initiative*

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Who: Microsoft® Office Live Small Business (<http://www.officelive.com>), a Web-based service for small businesses, and Microsoft® Office Accounting (<http://www.ideawins.com>), financial management software for small businesses, is teaming up with the City of Miami to provide free software and web site training for small businesses, college professionals and budding entrepreneurs during the Economic Business Seminar as part of the ACCESS MIAMI initiative.

According to a study by BizJournal, Miami is one of the country's five best markets for small businesses. However, small businesses often lack easy and affordable software to help them remain financially sound and build an online presence.

Microsoft Office Live Small Business and Office Accounting is teaming with the City of Miami to help empower business success by equipping students and entrepreneurs with tools and training.

When: Tuesday, August 28, 2007

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Best Photo Opportunity: Program starts at 9:30 a.m. with opening remarks from Mayor Manuel Diaz at 9:45 a.m.

Spanish speaking spokes people available.

Where: Jungle Island, Treetop Ballroom
1111 Parrot Jungle Trail, Miami

Other: In addition to the free software giveaway on August 28, Microsoft Office Accounting will also provide:

- **Free training to CPAs on August 29-30.** The purpose of this training is to train CPAs so they can in turn help the community. CPAs can sign up in advance through Miami Dade College from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or register through Microsoft at (425) 704-7300.
- **Training provided to local colleges and universities.** Microsoft will also enable Miami-Dade College, University of Miami and Florida International University to teach the Microsoft curriculum on Office Accounting (“Mastering Office Accounting 2007”). The training offered by the universities is primarily directed at CPAs and IT professionals, but it may be taken by business owners or office managers as well. For more information contact Microsoft at (425) 704-7300.

Background: ACCESS MIAMI is the successful city-wide integrated poverty reduction strategy. Under the leadership of Mayor Manuel A. Diaz, ACCESS MAIMI has united and coordinated city-based resources with those in the public, private and nonprofit sectors to provide tools, resources, education, and long-term opportunities to directly impacts the needs of families and remediate long-term poverty. The overarching premise called; ELEVATE MIAMI, which encompasses a digital inclusion component throughout the city, was recognized as a top local program at the 2007 United States Conference of Mayors.

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Church World Services, Florida Department of Revenue, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Internal Revenue Service, Miami-Dade County Office of Community and Economic Development, Miami-Dade County Enterprise Community Center, Miami-Dade Public Library System, Miami-Dade Empowerment Trust, Neighbors and Neighbors Association, Partners for Self-Employment and South Florida Urban Ministries

About Microsoft Office Accounting

Microsoft® Office Accounting provides financial management software designed for early startups and home-based businesses that currently use pen and calculator or spreadsheets to run their operations. Since its release on October 30, 2006, the free Microsoft Office Accounting Express has been downloaded and installed more than 1.7 million times. OA is the most popular new accounting application on the market, and it is included in the Small Business, Professional and Ultimate editions of the Office 2007 suite.

About Microsoft Office Live

Microsoft Office Live is a complete, affordable set of easy-to-use Internet-based software and services that helps small businesses attract new customers, keep in touch with existing customers and easily manage their business from virtually any location. By combining the power of software plus services, Office Live helps small businesses

establish a professional Web presence. More information is available at <http://www.officelive.com>.

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